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Subject: Serious Concern Regarding Proposal to Remove Ice at the Stoney Creek Arena

Dear All -

I am writing as a resident of Stoney Creek and as a parent to express my deep concern and disappointment regarding the proposal to remove ice from our local arena.

This facility is far more than a building with ice. It is a cornerstone of our community. For families in Stoney Creek, the arena is where children learn teamwork, discipline, resilience, and confidence. It is where friendships are formed, routines are built, and families spend countless early mornings and evenings supporting their kids and one another. It is where many young people first discover a lifelong love of sport and physical activity.

The arena is consistently busy and well-used. Removing ice from such an active facility would be devastating to local sport and recreation. It would displace children and youth who rely on this space, increase travel burdens for families already stretched thin, and undermine years of community investment in grassroots sport. For many families, especially those without the means to travel farther or pay higher fees elsewhere, this arena is the difference between participation and exclusion.

At a time when we are increasingly concerned about youth mental health, physical activity, and community connection, removing access to a thriving recreational facility sends the wrong message. We should be protecting and strengthening spaces that bring people together, not eliminating them.

I urge you and Council to reconsider this proposal and to meaningfully engage with the families, user groups, and residents who rely on this arena. The loss of ice in Stoney Creek would not be a minor adjustment. It would be a significant and lasting blow to our community.

Matt - thank you for tirelessly working to protect the interests of your constituents!

Thank you for taking the time to consider the real impact this decision would have on families like mine. I hope you will advocate strongly to preserve this vital community resource.

Sincerely,

Amy Canton
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